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4.	Development of Ashtamudi Lake Cruise circuit in Kerala
5.	Development of Kuttichira Heritage township in Kozhikode as a major tourist destination
6.	Development of major tourism destination at Kollam providing entertainment and children's traffic park at Ashramam
7.	Developing IT based tourism project for Kerala
8.	Integrated destination development of Alappuzha Heritage city construction of town square

Out of these the following projects have so far been sanctioned during 2008-09 for development of tourism in the State of Kerala

(Rs.in lakh)

Sr. No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	CFA for developing IT based tourism projects under the scheme of Information Technology	27.50	24.75
2.	Destination development of Kalamandalam in Kerala	207.36	155.52
3.	Malabar Mangrove Eco-tourism circuit in Malappuram, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasargode District	349.36	279.49
4.	Development of Ashtamudi Lake Cruise circuit	538.00	430.40
	TOTAL :	1122.22	890.16

In addition to the above a project proposal for Development of Tourism Infrastructure in Willingdon Island Cochin Port has been received from the Cochin Port Trust under the scheme of Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development and has been sanctioned for Rs. 1450.00 lakh with the release of Rs.725.00 lakh.

Heritage status to Varanasi ghats and Sarnath Bodh Stupas

†*206. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to include 'ghats' of Varanasi and Bodh Stupa situated at Sarnath in the heritage sites; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the actions taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The ghats at Varanasi are not centrally protected. The old ghats at Varanasi are maintained by the Varanasi Municipal Corporation. The ancient Buddhist site at Sarnath has been declared as of national importance under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites & Remains Act, 1958. It is maintained and conserved by the Archaeological Survey of India.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi